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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the International application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 4

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An introducer sheath and a method of manufacturing an introducer sheath. The introducer comprises a first polymeric sleeve (34) having a first striped extrusion arranged in a generally helical pattern along the first sleeve. A second polymeric sleeve (30) is positioned over and bonded to the first polymeric sleeve, the second polymeric sleeve comprising a second striped extrusion that is arranged in a generally helical pattern along the second sleeve. The first and second polymeric sleeves are axially aligned such that the second striped extrusion is superposed over the first striped extrusion to define a generally braid-like configuration. The introducer sheath can optionally include an inner liner disposed within a lumen of the first polymeric sleeve, and/or a coil fitted over the inner liner, such that the first polymeric sleeve is bonded to the inner liner between turns of the coil.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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